

Abstract of the Disclosure

In a method for playing back a record medium storing at least a sequence of audio information partitioned into a plurality of segments, prescribed audio information (for alarm sound, silence, etc. for informing the user of the end of each segment) stored in a particular storage area is reproduced when the playback of each segment is finished. After the reproduction of the prescribed audio information, the next segment is played back. By the playback method, it becomes possible to let the user securely perform repeating operation and/or audio switching operation, while decreasing the size of information/data used for informing the user of the end of each segment.